

**2006 ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND**  
**DALLAS, TEXAS**  
**JULY 1 TO JULY 7**

**NFB PLEDGE:**

I pledge to participate actively in the effort of the National Federation of the Blind to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind; to support the policies and programs of the Federation; and to abide by its constitution.

# ***THE REVOLUTION IS HERE***

## **LAUNCHING THE KURZWEIL-NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND READER**

Members attending the 2006 convention of the National Federation of the Blind will participate in the historic launch of the Kurzweil-National Federation of the Blind Reader. This is the most exciting new technology to become available for blind people in the past thirty years. Using the combined power of a small computer and a digital camera to create this handheld reader, the world of the printed word is now being opened to the blind in a way it has never been before.

Come and learn about this unique new technology at the Khmer Pavilion, Atrium 1, Third Level and at special informational workshops planned for Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday afternoons. Special Reader inaugural convention prices are available.

Capture the moment. Join in the fun. The revolution in reading technology for the blind is here—and it all begins at our convention!

THE MEMBERS OF THE  
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF TEXAS  
WELCOME YOU TO THE  
66<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE  
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

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## **HOTEL**

The 66<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the National Federation of the Blind is being held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas, Texas. As usual, our hotel rates are good. They are: singles and doubles, \$60; triples and quads, \$65. In addition to the room rates, there is a 15 percent sales tax. No charge will be made for children eighteen and under in the room with parents as long as no extra bed is required.

Proof of convention registration is necessary, including the showing of an NFB registration badge if requested. Otherwise, regular hotel rates must be paid.

## **HILTON ANATOLE GEOGRAPHY**

The Hilton Anatole consists of two main sections—the Atrium and the Tower. The Atrium section is further divided into Atrium I and Atrium II. At the lobby and mezzanine levels, Atrium I, Atrium II, and the Tower are connected so that you can walk from Atrium I at the far east end of the hotel through Atrium II and into the Tower at the far west end of the hotel as if it were one building.

At levels above the mezzanine, Atrium I and Atrium II are contiguous with each other but not with the Tower—that is, to reach the sleeping rooms, you must use either the Atrium elevators or the Tower elevators depending on the section in which your room is located. The Tower sleeping room elevators do not stop at the mezzanine level. The Atrium sleeping room elevators stop at the mezzanine level, and you can reach the mezzanine level meeting rooms above the Atrium I lobby, the Atrium II lobby, and the Tower lobby. However, a flight of six or eight steps links the Atrium II mezzanine and the Tower mezzanine. If these steps are a problem, you can take a separate, single elevator that goes from the Tower lobby to the Tower mezzanine level. This elevator is located just west of the business center in the Tower lobby. At the west end of the Tower mezzanine is a stairway that leads to the Tower lobby. When you come down this stairway, you are facing east, and the Chantilly Ballroom is slightly ahead and on your right.

Atrium I is the easternmost section of the hotel and sits slightly south of Atrium II. Think of the entire hotel as a high-top tennis shoe lying on its side with the sole facing north, the toe

pointing west, and the open top facing south. The right angle formed by the back of the shoe meeting the sole in the hotel architecture is actually cut on the diagonal so that when entering the hotel, you are facing southwest. Atrium I is much shorter in its north-south dimension than are Atrium II and the Tower on the east-west axis. After you step into the main entrance, a left turn takes you towards the check-in desk and Atrium I. A right turn takes you towards Atrium II. Continuing west through Atrium II leads you to the Tower lobby.

If you are standing with your back to the check-in desk, you are facing west. Atrium I is on your left, and Atrium II is slightly to your right and straight ahead. The Atrium elevators and stairway and escalators to the mezzanine-level meeting rooms are located across from the Atrium front desk and main entrance in the general area where the two Atria join.

The lobby level of Atrium I and Atrium II contains many meeting rooms, shops, restaurants, bars, and the Grand Ballroom, which is located on the south side of Atrium II. The Khmer Pavilion is located roughly above the Grand Ballroom area.

The Atrium II lobby joins the Tower lobby just beyond the west end of the Grand Ballroom foyer. At this juncture there are a small fountain and a few steps going down, followed by a short walkway and then a few steps going up again. If these steps are a problem, a wheelchair corridor bypass can be accessed from the west end of the Grand Ballroom foyer. A number of areas in the hotel have a few steps, which at first glance would seem to make parts of the facility inaccessible, but they all appear to have work-arounds of some sort.

The Terrace Restaurant (open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week) is located on the west wall of Atrium I. The Common Ground self-service café; La Esquina Cantina and Tequila Bar (described as Mexican cantina food with south-of-the-border soul); the Crocodile Disco; and the 214 Bar are located in Atrium II. The Rathskeller Sports Bar and Restaurant and the Gossip Bar are located in the Tower lobby. The five-star Nana Restaurant is located on the twenty-seventh floor of the Tower.

The board meeting and convention general sessions will be held in the Chantilly Ballroom, in the Tower lobby. Exhibits will be in the Khmer Pavilion, Atrium third level. NFB aids and appliances and literature will be located in the Grand Ballroom. Breakout

meeting rooms are located in all three lobbies and on the mezzanine level. The breakout rooms located on the Atrium mezzanine level are arranged by name in alphabetical order beginning with Batik A on the south end of the Atrium I mezzanine and continuing around the mezzanine balcony hallway, ending with Wyeth at the east end of the Atrium II mezzanine.

An exit at the west end of the Tower lobby leads to the beautifully landscaped seven-acre Anatole sculpture park containing outdoor walking and jogging trails.

### **NFB OF TEXAS BLUE GRASS DANCE**

Enjoy listening and dancing to the music of the Henderson family (known around the state for their musical talents) from Waco, Texas, as they present some western swing, fiddle, and country music on Saturday evening, July 1, at 8:00 in the Chantilly West Ballroom, Tower Lobby. This will be an evening to remember!

### **TEXAS-STYLE BARBEQUE IN THE PARK**

Howdy, partner! Come and celebrate the Fourth of July with a barbeque big enough to be called "Texas-style." Also enjoy the pride of south Austin—the Cornell Hurd Band, playing traditional western swing and country music. This ten-piece band has a unique style all of its own that includes original material, much of it with a humorous bent. Boots and hats optional! Hosted by the NFB of Texas on Tuesday evening, July 4, from 6:00 to 11:30 p.m. in beautiful Anatole Park, immediately outside the west door of the hotel. Tickets (while they last) are \$35 per person and can be purchased in the registration area or prior to the opening of registration from the NFB of Texas.

### **ROOKIE ROUNDUP**



All first-time convention attendees are cordially invited to attend a reception at 8:00 pm on Saturday, July 1, in the Obelisk Room, Atrium Mezzanine. President Maurer and other Federation leaders will be on hand to welcome you to the convention and preview the week's activities. Veteran conventioners should encourage all first-timers to attend this special event.

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration activities take place in the Chantilly foyer area, Tower lobby beginning at 9:00 am on Sunday, July 2, and at 8:00 am on Monday, July 3, through Friday, July 7. The fee for registration at convention this year is \$20 per person (if you preregistered before May 31, the fee was \$15), and all those attending the convention (both local and out-of-town people) are asked to register. Convention registration is a requirement for door prize eligibility and a number of other convention activities. We condition rates for hotel rooms on proof of registration, including the showing of an NFB registration badge if requested. Therefore, please register as soon as possible after arrival.

## **NFB STORE AND LITERATURE**

NFB literature and sales of aids, appliances, jewelry, Kernel Books, and other items will be located in the Grand Ballroom and will be open at the following times: all day Sunday, all day Monday, Tuesday from 8:00 to 9:30 am and noon to 2:00 pm, and Thursday and Friday from noon to 2:00 pm. Please note that all other exhibits are located in the Khmer Pavilion, Atrium third level.

## **ACCESSIBLE HOME SHOWCASE**

The NFB's International Braille and Technology Center for the Blind again presents the Accessible Home Showcase—the doors open on Saturday, July 1, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm in the Grand Ballroom. On Sunday and Monday, the hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Examine for yourself examples from categories of consumer devices and appliances that other blind people have found usable. Come and help increase blind consumers' access to devices such as washing machines and microwave ovens; explore the future of home automated living.

## **SENSORY SAFARI**

The glossy fur of animals in the wild; the sharp talons of a predatory bird; the massive proportions of an elephant's tusk; the rough, scaly texture of the hide of an alligator or other reptile—these are a part of the Sensory Safari. *Sleek, fierce, sinewy, velvety, exotic*—these are some of the words used to describe the wild animals so often depicted in the stories of childhood. Touch



them; learn their dimensions; come to the Sensory Safari. Sponsored by the Safari Club International, the Sensory Safari will have exhibits of wild animals, some from Africa, some from North America. Don't worry. These animals won't bite—they aren't alive. They are mounted for display in the Coral Room, Tower Lobby. The exhibit is open from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm on Sunday, July 2, and from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm on Monday, July 3.

## **EXHIBITS**

Exhibits (excluding the NFB Store and Literature) are on display in the Khmer Pavilion, Atrium third level, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm on Sunday, 9:00 am to 5:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday from 8:00 to 9:30 am and noon to 2:00 pm, Wednesday from noon to 5:00 pm, and Thursday and Friday from noon to 2:00 pm. There is a special event *for sponsor-level exhibitors only* on Tuesday, July 4, from 7:00 to 10:00 pm (see "Special Attention" section and agenda listing for more information). Sign up for NFB-NEWSLINE® at the NEWSLINE Table. Any alterations in the general session schedule which may occur during the convention will result in conforming shifts in the exhibit schedule and will be announced in the exhibit areas. A number of affiliated NFB divisions and committees have tables. Many new electronic devices are demonstrated, as well as a special exhibit of materials and resources for the deaf-blind.

## **MEETINGS**

General sessions of the convention will be held Tuesday morning, Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning, Thursday morning, Thursday afternoon, Friday morning, and Friday afternoon. The morning sessions will convene at 9:30 am on Tuesday and 9:00 am on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

The convention will adjourn promptly at 5:00 pm Friday afternoon, July 7. All general sessions of the convention will be held in the Chantilly Ballroom, Tower lobby.

## **BANQUET AND TICKET EXCHANGE**

This year's banquet will be held in the Chantilly Ballroom, Tower lobby at 7:00 pm, Thursday, July 6. Banquet tickets purchased at convention this year are \$40.00 (the cost was \$35 if purchased before May 31) and will be on sale in the Chantilly foyer

area, Tower lobby on Sunday, July 2, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; on Monday, July 3, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; on Tuesday, July 4, from 8:00 to 9:30 am and noon to 2:00 pm; and on Wednesday, July 5, from 8:00 to 9:00 am.

It will be necessary for you to have your ticket with you to attend the banquet. Tickets will be collected from you at the banquet tables. Arrangements should be made for reserved table assignments by taking the ticket(s) you purchase to the Banquet Exchange Table in the registration area, where you may exchange either an individual ticket or a group of tickets for reserved seating. This year the banquet tables will seat ten people.

### **TANDEM BIKE RIDE**

The Sports and Recreation Division, Lisamaria Martinez, president, in collaboration with the Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiasts (DATES) will take a ten-mile tandem bike ride around White Rock Lake as part of the division's convention activities. Riders were selected in advance of the convention. Look for more exciting activities from this energetic new division.

### **DEVOTIONS**

Devotional services will be held in the Sapphire Room, Tower lobby, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Devotions on Tuesday, July 4, will begin at 8:30 am. Services will begin at 8:00 on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings. The theme this year will be "The Surrendered Life." Services are nonsectarian and will end at least fifteen minutes prior to morning convention sessions.

On Sunday, July 2, Fr. Gregory Paul, C.P., will celebrate a Roman Catholic Mass at 6:30 am in the Wedgwood Room, Tower lobby.

Also on Sunday at 12:00 noon services for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in the Wedgwood Room, Tower lobby.

### **SPECIAL ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

- A Federation Information Desk will be located in the registration

area from Sunday morning, July 2, through Friday, July 7. If you have questions or need assistance, go to the Federation Information Desk. The Texas affiliate will also maintain during much of the convention a table near the hotel check-in desk in the Atrium lobby to provide assistance and hospitality.

- When you register, you will be given a badge. Please wear it at all times during the convention.
- The room number for the Presidential Suite is 2572. Someone will be on hand in the Presidential Suite throughout most of the convention to greet you and make appointments for you with the President or anyone else you wish to see. Of course, the Presidential Suite will not be open during the business sessions of the convention, the Monday morning Board of Directors meeting, or the Thursday evening banquet. Come to the Presidential Suite. You will be most welcome.
- The room number for Mary Ellen Jernigan, Chairman of Convention Organization and Activities, is 2672. Questions concerning hotel rooms, meeting rooms, banquet, scheduling, registration, and other matters dealing with convention arrangements should be referred to the Chairman of Convention Organization and Activities.
- Individuals needing to conduct business with the NFB Treasurer may do so by going to the Amethyst Room, Atrium lobby between noon and 2:00 pm on Thursday, July 6, or Friday, July 7.
- The Texas Suite (Tommy Craig, President) is 2272.
- The Affiliate Action and Rookie Activities Suite (Joanne Wilson and Pam Allen, Coordinators) is 2372.
- We are again offering NFB Camp (child-care services) for children six weeks through ten years of age in the Milan, Ming, and Manchester Rooms, Tower mezzanine, during convention sessions, most meetings, and the banquet. Pre-registration and payment by June 15 was required for NFB Camp. We are asking parents to make the following donations:

Per week: \$90 first child; \$65 siblings (does not include banquet)

Per day: \$20 per child (does not include banquet)

Banquet: \$15 per child

NFB Camp is organized and supervised by Carla McQuillan, the executive director of Main Street Montessori Association. Alison McQuillan, camp worker and teacher since 1998, is activities director once again this year. Please note that NFB Camp provides morning and afternoon snacks, but you are required to provide lunch for your child(ren) every day. Children are not accepted earlier than the times listed below, and a late fee of \$10 will be assessed for all late pick-ups. NFB Camp is open:

Saturday, 7/1	8:30 am to 5:30 pm
Sunday, 7/2	Closed
Monday, 7/3	8:30 am to 5:30 pm
Tuesday, 7/4	9:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm
Wednesday, 7/5	8:30 am to 12:30 pm (closed in the afternoon)
Thursday, 7/6	8:30 am to 12:30 pm, 1:30 to 5:30 pm, and 6:30 pm to adjournment of the banquet
Friday, 7/7	8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm

- A Special Evening For Sponsor-Level Exhibitors: The Khmer Pavilion, Atrium I, third level will reopen from 7:00 to 10:00 pm on Tuesday, July 4, for a very special evening dedicated solely to Sponsor-Level Exhibitors listed here. Come and bring a guest to say “thank you” to our sponsors and to enjoy their interesting offers and demonstrations. Our convention sponsors are: Freedom Scientific; HumanWare Group; Independent Living Aids, Inc.; Guide Dogs for the Blind; Hilton Anatole; IBM; Marriott Worldwide Reservations; UPS; National Industries for the Blind; Optelec; and Sendero Group LLC.

- The annual Showcase of Talent is back by popular demand on

Tuesday, July 4, at 7:00 pm, sponsored by the Performing Arts Division. For an admission price of \$5.00, you can sit back, relax, and enjoy this delightful evening of entertainment. If you would like to participate in the Showcase, make sure to preregister by contacting Adrienne Snow by telephone, seeking her out in the New Jersey delegation at the general session, or going to the Performing Arts Division table in the Khmer Pavilion, Atrium I third level before noon on Tuesday, July 4.

- Raffle tickets will not be sold in the registration area, and no raffles or other such drawings will take place during convention sessions or at the banquet. The single exception to this rule will be that national divisions may (if they request it in advance) conduct such drawings during the convention or at the banquet. The Emerald Room, Tower lobby, will be set aside at noon on Thursday, July 6, for all other drawings. Any group or affiliate wishing to conduct drawings at this time (or any person wishing to know the winner of such drawings) may go at noon on Thursday to the Emerald Room.

### **AFFILIATED DIVISIONS, COMMITTEES, AND GROUPS**

The Federation carries on its business through divisions, committees, and groups. The meetings of some of these have been scheduled for particular times and are listed in the agenda. Others have not been formally scheduled but will meet at the call of their chairpersons or presidents. If you have matters that you would like to discuss with any of the following divisions, committees, or groups, you should contact:

#### **Divisions**

- Agriculture and Equestrian Division: *Diane Starin, President;*
- Classics, Antiques, and Rods (CARS) Division: *Joseph B. Naulty, President;*
- Deaf-Blind Division: *Robert Eschbach, President;*
- Diabetes Action Network for the Blind: *Lois Williams, President;*
- Health Care Professionals: *Abio Sokari, President;*
- Human Services Division: *Melissa Riccobono, President;*
- Masonic Square Club: *Fred Flowers, President;*
- National Association of the Blind in Communities of Faith: *Tom Anderson,*

- President;*
- National Association of Blind Entrepreneurs: *James R. Bonerbo, President;*
- National Association of Blind Lawyers: *Scott LaBarre, President;*
- National Association of Blind Merchants: *Kevan Worley, President;*
- National Association of Blind Office Professionals: *Lisa Hall, President;*
- National Association of Blind Piano Technicians: *Don Mitchell, President;*
- National Association of Blind Rehabilitation Professionals: *Carlos Serván, President;*
- National Association of Blind Students: *Ryan Strunk, President;*
- National Association of Guide Dog Users: *Priscilla Ferris, President;*
- National Association to Promote the Use of Braille (NAPUB): *Nadine Jacobson, President;*
- National Federation of the Blind in Computer Science: *Curtis Chong, President;*
- National Organization of Blind Educators: *Sheila Koenig, President;*
- National Organization of Parents of Blind Children (NOPBC): *Barbara Cheadle, President;*
- National Organization of the Senior Blind: *Judy Sanders, President;*
- Performing Arts Division: *Adrienne Snow, President;*
- Public Employees Division: *Ivan Weich, President;*
- Science and Engineering Division: *John Miller, President;*
- Sports and Recreation Division: *Lisamaria Martinez, President;*
- Travel and Tourism Division: *Douglas M. Johnson, President;*
- Writers Division: *Tom Stevens, President.*

## **Committees**

- Affiliate Action: *Bruce Gardner, Chairperson;*
- Blind Educator of the Year Award: *Steve Benson, Chairperson;*
- Committee on Assistive Technology (COAT): *Curtis Chong, Chairperson;*

- Committee on Automobile and Pedestrian Safety (CAPS):  
*Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson;*
- Correspondence: *Norma Crosby, Chairperson;*
- Cultural Exchange and International Program: *Joyce Scanlan, Chairperson;*
- Distinguished Educator of Blind Children Award: *Sharon Maneki, Chairperson;*
- Employment: *Fatos Floyd, Chairperson;*
- Imagination Fund: *Kevan Worley, Chairperson;*
- Jacobus tenBroek Award: *Ramona Walhof, Chairperson;*
- Jacobus tenBroek Memorial Fund: *Tami Dodd Jones, Chairperson;*
- Kenneth Jernigan Fund: *Allen Harris, Chairperson;*
- Library Services: *Chris McKenzie, Chairperson;*
- Loan Fund: *Donald C. Capps, Chairperson;*
- Membership: *Donald C. Capps, Chairperson;*
- Multiculturalism: *Anil Lewis, Chairperson;*
- Newel Perry Award: *Allen Harris, Chairperson;*
- NFB-NEWSLINE® Program Steering: *Thomas H. Hartig, Chairperson;*
- PAC Plan: *Scott LaBarre, Chairperson;*
- Planned Giving: *Thomas H. Hartig, Chairperson;*
- Promotion, Evaluation, and Advancement of Technology: *Gary Wunder, Chairperson;*
- Public Relations: *Barbara Pierce, Chairperson;*
- Research and Development: *Brian Buhrow, Chairperson;*
- Resolutions: *Sharon Maneki, Chairperson;*
- Scholarship: *Peggy Elliott, Chairman;*
- Shares Unlimited in NFB (SUN): *Sandy Halverson, Chairperson;*
- Spanish Translation: *Norman Gardner, Chairperson;*
- White Cane and Affiliate Finance: *Norman Gardner, Chairperson.*

## **Groups**

- Blind Musicians: *Linda Mentink, Chairperson;*
- Blind Parents: *Deborah Kent Stein, Coordinator;*
- Blind Professional Journalists: *Elizabeth Campbell and Bryan Bashin, Co-Chairpersons;*
- Educators of Blind Children: *Gail Wagner, Chairperson;*

- Geordi's Engineers: *Lorraine Rovig, Chairperson;*
- Legislative Initiatives Discussion: *Don Burns, Coordinator;*
- NFB Ham Radio: *D. Curtis Willoughby, Chairperson;*
- NFB in Judaism: *David Stayer, Chairperson;*
- Orientation and Mobility: *Christine Brown and Eddie Bell, Co-Chairpersons;*
- Web Masters: *Gary Wunder, Coordinator.*



## CONVENTION AGENDA

<b>SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2006</b>
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**7:30 - 9:30 am**—EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR

**Inverness Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

NFB HAM RADIO GROUP

D. Curtis Willoughby (KA0VBA), Chairperson

**8:00 am - 5:00 pm**—*FOUNDATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ISSUES:  
THE REHABILITATION REVOLUTION*—FIFTH ANNUAL  
REHABILITATION CONFERENCE

**Batik A and B Rooms, Atrium Mezzanine**

8:00 - 9:00 am: Registration (fees are \$50 for professionals  
working in

the field and \$25 for students)

9:00 am - 5:00 pm: Conference

This conference is of particular interest to those working in the field of rehabilitation for the blind, students in professional preparation programs, and those interested in travel training as a career. Sponsored jointly by the National Association of Blind Rehabilitation Professionals (Carlos Serván, President); the Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness, Louisiana Tech University; and the National Blindness Professional Certification Board (Allen Harris, President)

Conference Co-Chairpersons: Christine Brown and Carlos Serván

**8:00 am - 6:00 pm**—*THE EQUATION FOR SUCCESS*—NATIONAL  
ORGANIZATION OF PARENTS OF BLIND CHILDREN (NOPBC)  
PARENTS SEMINAR

**Monet Ballroom, Tower Mezzanine**

Barbara Cheadle, President. Fees include NOPBC membership and all NOPBC events during the week: \$15, one adult (no children); \$25, one adult plus child(ren); and \$35, two adults plus child(ren).

8:00 - 9:00 am: Registration

9:00 - 11:30 am: General Session

11:30 - 1:30 pm: Lunch (on your own)

1:30 - 5:00 pm: Breakout workshops

5:00 - 5:30 pm: Break; pick up children from NFB Camp

5:30 - 6:00 pm: Wrap-up session

<b>SATURDAY, JULY 1, Continued</b>
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**8:30 am**—NFB CAMP: IT'S MORE THAN CHILD'S PLAY (CHILD CARE)

**Milan Room, Tower Mezzanine**

Please see "Special Attention" section of agenda for further information. (Pre-registration by June 15 was required.)

**8:30 am - 5:00 pm**—IBTC-SPONSORED *ACCESS TECHNOLOGY DAY*

**Governors Lecture Hall, Tower Lobby**

**8:30 - 10:00 am**—Accessible PDAs (Personal Data Assistants)

Find out how they can work best for you.  
Presenters: Jason Fare and Michael Tindell

**10:30 am - Noon**—DAISY Hardware and Software  
Find out what DAISY stands for and discover how accessible it is.

Presenters: Michael Barber and Steven Booth

**1:30 - 3:00 pm**—Accessible Cell Phones  
Find out what talking software for cell phones is becoming widely available on several product brands and models.

Presenters: Michael Barber and Michael Tindell

**3:30 - 5:00 pm**—Consumer Electronics: Present and Beyond

Find out which products are usable and learn what the NFB is undertaking to improve

the accessibility of

these products.

Presenters: Curtis Chong and Anne

Taylor

**9:00 - 11:00 am—NFB-LINK**

**Chambers Lecture Hall, Atrium Lobby**

NFB-LINK is our new online mentoring service. Find out how you can help fellow blind people find resources, learn new skills, and gain confidence—all from your computer at home. Hosted by the NFB Affiliate Action Team.

<b>SATURDAY, JULY 1, Continued</b>
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**9:00 am—FREEDOM SCIENTIFIC: JAWS FOR WINDOWS 7.X**

**Fleur-de-Lis B Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Learn about the newly released JAWS 7 version and 7.1 update, including a breakthrough in MS Excel and quick navigation keys in MS Word; receive a list of resources to find JAWS locations to many third party programs such as a typing tutorial designed specifically for JAWS; find out about MSN Messenger and the latest in Skype. Demonstrator: Eric Damery

**12:45 - 5:00 pm—EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE SEMINAR**

**Edelweiss Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

12:45 pm – Registration; 1:15 pm – Seminar begins

Topics include learning how to make jobs come to you, experiencing the impact of an informational interview, learning the value of mentoring and role modeling, realizing that getting a job is more than writing a résumé, and understanding the value of networking. Fatos Floyd, Chairperson

**1:00 pm—FREEDOM SCIENTIFIC: WHAT'S NEW IN PAC MATE**

**Fleur-de-Lis B Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Learn about the latest features offered in the recent 4.0 release; try the new easy-to-use ScanTalker 2.0 with omni-directional bar code reader and 1.2 million product database; see a demonstration of recording and editing on the PAC Mate with Resco Audio Recorder. Demonstrator: Brad Davis

**1:00 - 2:30 pm**—THE KURZWEIL-NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND READER—THE REVOLUTION IS HERE!

**Fleur-de-Lis A Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Take pictures and read print—it's really that simple. Come and learn about this fabulous new technology combining a state-of-the-art digital camera with a powerful personal data assistant. The reader puts the best available character recognition software together with text-to-speech conversion technology, all in the palm of your hand.

**1:00 - 4:00 pm**—HUMANWARE WORKSHOP AND PREVIEW

**Steuben Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

1:00 - 3:00 pm—BrailleNote Workshop: An interactive demonstration of new hardware and software in the BrailleNote line of products.

3:00 - 4:00 pm—Product Preview: A brief review of HumanWare's other Braille and speech products providing intuitive solutions for today's information intensive and highly mobile society.

<b>SATURDAY, JULY 1, Continued</b>
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**1:00 - 4:30 pm**—OPTELEC: EXCITING NEW BRAILLE PRODUCTS

**Travertine Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

1:00-2:00 and 2:15-3:15—Unveiling Universal Links to the Mainstream: Showcasing EasyLink 12, the first wireless Braille

assistant; debuting a new product with more than twelve cells.

3:30 - 4:30 pm—Braille Writing in the 21<sup>ST</sup> Century: Featuring the

new Mountbatten Learning System and Jot A Dot Braille writers.

**1:00 - 4:30 pm**—NFB JERNIGAN INSTITUTE DISCUSSION SESSIONS

**Wyeth Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

1:00 - 2:00 pm—Technology research and development

2:15 - 3:15 pm—Development of programs useful to local affiliates

3:30 - 4:30 pm—Braille literacy programs  
Each year we make plans for the major initiatives of the Jernigan Institute, and your input is essential. Come and share your thoughts and questions.  
Facilitated by Betsy Zaborowski, Psy.D., Executive Director, NFB Jernigan Institute.

**1:00 - 5:00 pm—IBTC's ACCESSIBLE HOME SHOWCASE  
Grand Ballrooms C, D, & E, Atrium II Lobby Level**

The Showcase features consumer devices and appliances that blind people have found usable. IBTC staff highlights concepts and features of devices such as washing machines, microwaves ovens, and home theaters. We introduce for the first time the exciting world of home automated living.

**1:30 - 3:30 pm—WRITERS READING POETRY & CREATIVE WRITING**

**Cardinal B Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Bring original poetry to recite or short fiction to read.  
Tom Stevens, President, Writers Division

**1:30 - 5:00pm—NOPBC WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS**

(Three sessions: 1:30-2:30; 2:45-3:45; and 4:00-5:00)

**The Early Years**

**Chambers Lecture Hall, Atrium Lobby**

Session One: Touch and Go: Early Development;  
Instructor: Joe Cutter

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**The Early Years, Cont'd.**

Session Two: Music and Language Development;  
Instructor: Heather Field

Session Three: Touch and Go: Early Cane Travel;  
Instructor: Joe Cutter

**The Elementary Years**

### **Morocco Room, Tower Mezzanine**

Session One: The Blind Child in the Regular School: Making It Work;

Instructor: Carol Castellano

Session Two: Social Skills: They'll Never Leave Home Without Them;

Instructor: Melissa Williamson

Session Three: Math: Tools, Tips, and Techniques;

Instructor: Annee Hartzel

### **The Middle/High School Years**

#### **Peridot Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Session One: Social Skills: They'll Never Leave Home Without Them;

Instructor: Yolanda Garcia

Session Two: Math: Tools, Tips, and Techniques;

Instructor: Susan Osterhaus, Texas School for the Blind

Session Three: From Doing Chores to Getting a Job;

Instructor: Keri Nuzum, Iowa Department for the Blind

### **Special Topics**

#### **Inverness Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Session One: Low Vision, Low Expectations?;

Instructor: Denise Mackenstadt

Session Two: Braille Literacy: It's a Family Value;

Instructor: Eric Vasilias, M.D. (Dr. V.)

Session Three: The Hands Have It!;

Instructor: Anne Cunningham, artist

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**1:30 - 5:00 pm**—NOPBC WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN (AGES 6 THROUGH 12)

**Kenneth Jernigan Mini Braille Carnival for Children  
Miro Room, Tower Mezzanine**

Session One: 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Session Two: 2:45 - 3:45 pm

Coordinator: Melissa Riccobono

**My Blindness, Myself**

**Miro Room, Tower Mezzanine**

Session One: 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Session Two: 2:45 - 3:45 pm

Session Three: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Instructors: Brunhilde Merk-Adam and Angela Wolf

**Knitting: The Hot New/Old Hobby (ages 8 through 12)**

**Miro Room, Tower Mezzanine**

One Session Only: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Instructors: Cathy Schroeder and Sandy Halverson

**Talk About It Theater**

**Monet Ballroom, Tower Mezzanine**

Session One: 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Session Two: 2:45 - 3:45 pm

Session Three: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Instructor: Carrie Gilmer

**1:30 - 5:00pm—SCIENCE ACADEMY COMES TO DALLAS,  
YOUTH**

**AGES 12-UP**

Three sessions for each workshop: 1:30-2:30; 2:45-3:45; and 4:00-5:00. Co-sponsored by the NOPBC and the National Center for Blind Youth in Science.

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## **Science Academy, Cont'd.**

### **Chemistry: Seeing Color Through Sound**

#### **Metropolitan Ballroom, Tower Mezzanine**

Instructors: Cary Supalo, Independent Laboratory Access for the

Blind Project (ILAB); Andrew Greenberg, University of Wisconsin at

Madison, Science and Engineering Center

### **Touch the Earth**

#### **Metropolitan Ballroom, Tower Mezzanine**

Instructors: Elissa Levine, Scientist, NASA Goddard Space Flight

Center; and Noreen Grice, President, You Can Do Astronomy, LLC

### **Hollywood Squares—NFB Style**

#### **Madrid Room, Tower Mezzanine**

Game Show Host: Mary Jo Thorpe, NFB Jernigan Institute

## **2:00 - 4:00 pm—NFB-LINK**

### **Dardenelles Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

NFB-LINK is our new online mentoring service. Find out how you can help fellow blind people find resources, learn new skills, and gain confidence—all from your computer at home. Hosted by the NFB Affiliate Action Team

## **2:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND ENTREPRENEURS SEMINAR**

### **Ruby Room, Tower Lobby**

Topics are forms of business, types of organizations, accounting policies, and tax problems relevant to the successful operation of a business.

James R. Bonerbo, President

## **3:00 - 4:30 pm—THE KURZWEIL-NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND READER—THE REVOLUTION IS HERE!**

### **Fleur-de-Lis A Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Take pictures and read print—it's really that simple. Come and learn about this fabulous new technology combining a state-of-



the-art digital camera with a powerful personal data assistant. The reader puts the best available character recognition software together with text-to-speech conversion technology, all in the palm of your hand.

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**6:30 - 9:00 pm**—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND OFFICE PROFESSIONALS

**Ruby Room, Tower Lobby**

6:30 pm - Registration; 7:00 pm - Meeting begins  
Calling all Braille transcribers, Braille proofreaders, secretaries, telephone operators, customer service representatives, medical transcribers, and more to come to this meeting. Lisa Hall, President

**7:00 - 9:00 pm**—PAC PLAN COMMITTEE

**Peridot Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Scott LaBarre, Chairperson

**7:00 - 10:00 pm**—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUIDE DOG USERS (NAGDU) BUSINESS MEETING

**Emerald Room, Tower Lobby**

Priscilla Ferris, President

**8:00 - 9:30 pm**—NOPBC TEEN TALKS

**Madrid Room, Tower Mezzanine** - Boys (ages 14 and up)

**Teen Hospitality Suite**—Girls (ages 12 and up); contact Brigid Doherty for room number; Moderator: Chris Boone

**8:00 - 10:00 pm**—AFFILIATE ACTION COMMITTEE

**Rosetta Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Bruce Gardner, Chairperson

**8:00 - 10:00 pm**—NOPBC FAMILY HOSPITALITY NIGHT

**Miro Room, Tower Mezzanine**

Everyone welcome. Relax and chat in an informal atmosphere with other parents, teachers, and blind adults. Hostess is Maria Jones

**8:00 - 10:00 pm**—ROOKIE ROUNDUP RECEPTION—GAINING INSIGHT FOR FIRST-TIMERS

**Obelisk Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

If this is your first NFB convention, don't miss this event!

Coordinator: Pam Allen, Director of the Louisiana Center for the Blind and President of the NFB of Louisiana

## **SATURDAY, JULY 1, Continued**

**8:00 pm- midnight**—KARAOKE NIGHT 🎵 🎵

**Peacock Terrace, Tower Lobby**

Admission: \$5.00. Sing solo, form a group, or just cheer on fellow Federationists; meet current BLIND, Inc. students and alumni who will share their experiences from training; cash bar and many door prizes. Song lists are available in Braille.

Hosted by BLIND, Incorporated (**B**lindness: **L**earning **I**n **N**ew **D**imensions)

**8:00 pm - midnight**—NFB OF TEXAS BLUE GRASS DANCE

**Chantilly West Ballroom, Tower Lobby**

Enjoy listening and dancing to the music of the Henderson family (known around the state for their musical talents) from Waco, Texas, as they present some western swing, fiddle, and country music.

Hosted by the National Federation of the Blind of Texas

## **SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2006**

**6:30 am**—ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

**Wedgwood Room, Tower Lobby**

Fr. Gregory Paul, C.P., Celebrant

**9:00 am - 5:00 pm**—REGISTRATION (\$20); BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$40)

**Chantilly Foyer, Tower Lobby**

**9:00 am - 5:00 pm—IBTC's ACCESSIBLE HOME SHOWCASE  
Grand Ballroom C, D, & E, Atrium, Lobby Level**

The Showcase features consumer devices and appliances that blind people have found usable. IBTC staff highlights concepts and features of devices such as washing machines, microwave ovens, and home theaters. We introduce for the first time the exciting world of home automated living.

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**9:30 am - 5:30 pm—**

**EXHIBITS—Khmer Pavilion, Atrium, Third Level**

**NFB A&A STORE AND NFB LITERATURE—Grand Ballroom,  
Atrium, Lobby Level**

**9:30 am - 5:30 pm—SENSORY SAFARI  
Coral Room, Tower Lobby**

**Noon - 1:30 pm—CHURCH SERVICES FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS  
CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**

**Wedgwood Room, Tower Lobby**

Contact is Bruce Gardner

**1:00 - 2:30 pm—THE KURZWEIL-NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE  
BLIND READER—THE REVOLUTION IS HERE!**

**Fleur-de-Lis A Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

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**1:00 - 4:30 pm—NOPBC Teen Hospitality  
Contact Brigid Doherty for room location**

**1:30 pm—RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Chantilly West Ballroom, Tower Lobby**  
Sharon Maneki, Chairperson

**2:00 - 4:00 pm—MATH NOW! FORUM**  
**Governors Lecture Hall, Tower Lobby**

Come and observe a spirited oral math competition between two blind youth using contest materials from MATHCOUNTS®. Competition followed by a panel discussion. Moderator: Curtis Chong. Special guest speakers are Lawrence A. Jacobson, Executive Director, MATHCOUNTS®; Susan Osterhaus, Texas School for the Blind; and others. Conducted in collaboration with MATHCOUNTS® Foundation, NOPBC, and the NFB Jernigan Institute.

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**2:00 - 4:00 pm—NFB-LINK**  
**Peridot Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

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**2:00 - 5:00 pm—AN INTRODUCTION TO ACTIVE LEARNING**  
**Metropolitan Ballroom, Tower Mezzanine**

NOBPC partners with the Texas School for the Blind and Joe Cutter to offer this seminar and hands-on demonstration about implementing active learning, the educational approach pioneered by Dr. Lilli Nielsen for blind children with multiple disabilities. Instructors: Joe Cutter, Sara Kitchen, and Amy Doezema

**3:00 - 4:00 pm—CALL TO ACTION: WHAT IS THE IMAGINATION FUND?**

**Edelweiss Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

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**4:00 - 5:30 pm**—COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS: WE DON'T NEED THEM...OR DO WE?

**Inverness Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Has somebody in your chapter said, "We could do this project if we only had a few more people to help out"? Community volunteers may be the solution. Find out how to recruit and maintain volunteers in your own

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**Community Volunteers, Cont'd.**

neighborhood. Sponsored by a grant from the United Parcel Service. Moderated by Amy Phelps, NFB Jernigan Institute

**4:00 - 7:00 pm**—¿HABLAS ESPAÑOL?

**Rosetta Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Join us for the first-ever NFB seminar completely in Spanish! Featuring presentations from dynamic Hispanic Federationists, Latin sounds from a group of talented musicians, and much more. We will address many issues and concepts obscured by language barriers.

Hosted by the NFB Affiliate Action Team

**4:30 - 7:00 pm**—NINTH ANNUAL MOCK TRIAL—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS

**Grand Ballroom A and B, Atrium Lobby**

Admission: \$5.00. See your favorite Federation lawyers strut their legal stuff arguing a discrimination case in which an employer refused to allow a blind person to work because of the employer's concern that the job was just too dangerous for the blind.

Everyone in the audience serves as the jury. Scott LaBarre, President

**4:30 - 7:00 pm—NATIONAL CENTER FOR BLIND YOUTH IN SCIENCE (NCBYS) WEB PORTAL LAUNCH**

**Peacock Terrace, Tower Lobby**

Be the first to browse this unique portal that serves as a resource clearinghouse for blind youth and science, technology, engineering, and math. Meet with blind scientists and engineers and learn about other exciting NFB initiatives. Developed under a grant from the National Science Foundation's Research and Disabilities Education Program.

**6:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND STUDENTS  
Wedgwood Room, Tower Lobby**

6:00 pm - Registration (\$5.00); 7:00 pm - Meeting begins  
Ryan Strunk, President

**6:15 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE SENIOR BLIND ANNUAL MEETING AND (SOMEWHAT) SILENT AUCTION  
Obelisk Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

6:15 pm - Registration; 7:00 pm - Meeting begins

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**Senior Blind, Cont'd.**

The theme of our meeting is "Life Continues After Blindness," then stay for our not-so-silent auction—it's quite an experience.

Judy Sanders, President

**7:00 - 8:00 pm—BLIND MUSICIANS GROUP BUSINESS MEETING  
Amethyst Room, Atrium Lobby**

Linda Mentink, Chairperson

**7:00 - 8:00 pm—CALL TO ACTION: WHAT IS THE IMAGINATION FUND?**

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**7:00 - 9:00 pm**—CLASSICS, ANTIQUES, AND RODS (CARS)  
DIVISION

**Travertine Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Are you curious about special interest vehicles such as classics, antiques, rods, trucks, motorcycles or model cars? Come to our brand new CARS Division meeting to hear guest speakers from automobile clubs and groups in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Joseph B. Naulty, President

**7:00 - 9:00 pm**—CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

**Cardinal B Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Norma Crosby, Chairperson

**7:30 - 9:00 pm**—NFB IN JUDAISM MEETING

**Inverness Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

David Stayer, Chairperson

**7:30 - 9:30 pm**—MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**Ruby Room, Tower Lobby**

Donald C. Capps, Chairperson

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**7:30 - 10:00 pm**—BLIND PARENTS GROUP

**Steuben Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson

**7:30 - 10:00 pm**—WEB MASTERS WORKSHOP

**LaLique Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

A meeting for all NFB *affiliate and division* Web masters attending the convention to discuss what information our pages should contain and talk about accessibility, visual appeal, and tools available to create Web pages.

Gary Wunder, Coordinator

**8:00 - 9:00 pm**—WHITE CANE AND AFFILIATE FINANCE

COMMITTEE

**Dardenelles Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Norman Gardner, Chairperson

**8:00 - 10:00 pm**—COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY SERVICES

**Peridot Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Chris McKenzie, Chairperson

**9:00 - 10:00 pm**—SPANISH TRANSLATION COMMITTEE

**Dardenelles Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Norman Gardner, Chairperson

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**8:00 am - 5:00 pm**—REGISTRATION (\$20); BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$40)

**Chantilly Foyer, Tower Lobby**

**9:00 - 11:30 am**—NFB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

**Chantilly Ballroom, Tower lobby**

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**9:00 am - 5:00 pm**—IBTC's ACCESSIBLE HOME SHOWCASE

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**EXHIBITS—Khmer Pavilion, Atrium, Third Level**



**NFB A&A STORE AND NFB LITERATURE—Grand Ballroom,  
Atrium, Lobby Level**

**9:00 am - 5:30 pm—SENSORY SAFARI  
Coral Room, Tower Lobby**

**12:30 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND IN  
COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**Governors Lecture Hall, Tower Lobby**

12:30 pm - Registration; 1:00 pm - Meeting begins  
Discussions involve the imminent release of a new version of  
Windows (known as Vista), the efforts by the state of  
Massachusetts to convert its data to the OASIS Open Document  
format, Google, and other topics.  
Curtis Chong, President

**12:30 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND  
MERCHANTS MEETING**

**Emerald Room, Tower Lobby**

12:30 pm - Registration; 1:30 pm - Meeting begins  
If you are involved in the Randolph-Sheppard program or operate  
a similar business, you won't want to miss this meeting.  
Kevan Worley, President

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**12:30 - 5:00 pm—"OVERCOMING CHALLENGES"—NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND IN COMMUNITIES OF FAITH**

**Travertine Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

12:30 pm - Registration; 1:00 pm - Meeting begins  
We will hear a panel of Federationists describe the challenges  
they face in achieving their goals in places of worship, have a  
presidential report, and an update on the book *Experiencing God*.  
Tom Anderson, President

**1:00 - 2:00 pm**—BLIND PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS GROUP

**Wyeth Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Please join us if you are interested in working in print or broadcast journalism.

Elizabeth Campbell, Chairperson

**1:00 - 2:00 pm**—PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

**Ruby Room, Tower Lobby**

Barbara Pierce, Chairperson

**1:00 - 3:00 pm**—COMMITTEE ON AUTOMOBILE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY (CAPS)

**Inverness Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson

**1:00 - 3:00 pm**—CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

**LaLique Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Joyce Scanlan, Chairperson

**1:00 - 4:00 pm**—HUMANWARE WORKSHOP AND PREVIEW

**Steuben Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

1:00 - 3:00 pm—BrailleNote Workshop: An interactive demonstration of new hardware and software in the BrailleNote line of products.

3:00 - 4:00 pm—Product Preview: A brief review of HumanWare's other Braille and speech products providing intuitive solutions for today's information intensive and highly mobile society.

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**1:00 - 4:00 pm**—PERFORMING ARTS DIVISION

**Sapphire Room, Tower Lobby**

Singers, actors, instrumentalists, magicians—anyone interested in the performing arts is welcome to attend. Adrienne Snow,

President

**1:00 - 4:30 pm**—NOPBC Teen Hospitality  
**Contact Brigid Doherty for room location**

**1:00 - 4:30 pm**—NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLIND  
EDUCATORS SEMINAR

**Peridot Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

1:00 pm - Registration; 1:30 pm - Meeting begins  
Education is a profession rich in possibility. Hear successful blind teachers discuss various techniques they use in their classrooms; we'll meet in small groups specific to grade level and content areas of interest to create a network of mentors extending beyond our meeting.

Sheila Koenig, President

**1:00 - 5:00 pm**—"BEE" HEART SMART—DIABETES ACTION  
NETWORK SEMINAR

**Obelisk Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Those with diabetes should be busy as bees (physically active) and wise as owls (informed about diabetes). Learn what you can do to help reduce the risk of heart disease and other diabetes complications.

Lois Williams, President

**1:00 - 5:00 pm**—COMPUTER TEACHERS AND TRAINERS DIVISION  
**Cardinal A Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Organizing meeting for this new division.

Jim Portillo, Coordinator

**1:00 - 5:00 pm**—NOPBC ANNUAL MEETING AND PARENT POWER  
WORKSHOP

**Morocco Room, Tower Mezzanine**

1:00 - 3:30 pm—Annual Meeting

3:30 - 5:00 pm—Parent Power Workshop

Barbara Cheadle, President

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**1:00 - 5:00 pm**—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS  
ANNUAL MEETING

**Batik A Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Examine laws affecting blind people; address struggles to gain equal

access to legal texts/exams; discuss effective technology for blind lawyers; hear from the EEOC how to practice effectively in front of the Commission, and more. A reception follows for NABL members and seminar participants. Scott LaBarre, President

**1:00 - 5:00 pm**—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND  
REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS SEMINAR AND BUSINESS  
MEETING

**Senators Lecture Hall, Tower Lobby**

1:00 pm – Registration; 2:00 pm – Meeting begins  
Carlos Serván, President

**1:00 - 5:00 pm**—PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DIVISION

**Dardenelles Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Ivan Weich, President

**1:00 - 5:00 pm**—SPORTS AND RECREATION DIVISION MEETING

**Cardinal B Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

1:00 pm – Registration (\$5.00); 1:30 pm – Meeting begins  
Rah! Rah! Rah! Join our inaugural meeting to discuss the dynamics of playing football, basketball, goalball, or going rock climbing, dancing, rafting, and a lot more. Lisamaria Martinez, President

**1:00 - 5:00 pm**—TRAVEL AND TOURISM DIVISION SEMINAR

**Edelweiss Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Douglas M. Johnson, President

**1:30 - 4:00 pm**—WRITERS DIVISION ANNUAL INFORMATION AND  
BUSINESS MEETING

**Fleur-de-Lis B Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Everyone is welcome to discuss writing of various types.  
Tom Stevens, President

## **MONDAY, JULY 3, Continued**

**1:30 - 5:00 pm**—HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION SEMINAR AND BUSINESS MEETING

**Fleur-de-Lis A Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

1:30 pm – Registration; 2:00 pm – Meeting begins

We welcome those interested in this field (i.e., blind psychologists, social workers, counselors) to network, ask questions, and discuss techniques used in order to get the job done. Melissa Riccobono, President

**3:00 - 5:00 pm**—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND PIANO TECHNICIANS

**Amethyst Room, Atrium Lobby**

Learn about the opportunities for financial independence and success through tuning, servicing, repairing, and rebuilding pianos.

Don Mitchell, President

**3:30 - 5:00 pm**—PARENT POWER WORKSHOP

**Morocco Room, Tower Mezzanine**

An NOPBC workshop about expanding and strengthening state and local parent groups, fundraising, developing programs, networking, and recruiting members.

**5:00 - 6:30 pm**—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS RECEPTION

**Batik B Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

For NABL members and seminar participants to promote networking and fellowship. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar available. Scott LaBarre, President

**5:00 - 7:00 pm**—BRAILLE BOOK FLEA MARKET AND *BRAILLE READERS ARE LEADERS* ANNUAL REUNION

**Metropolitan Ballroom, Tower Mezzanine**

Cosponsored by NOPBC and NAPUB and supported by the local UPS volunteers. Donations from the Braille book flea market will go to the

*Braille Readers are Leaders* contest and literacy program.

Coordinator: Peggy Chong

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**5:00 - 7:00 pm—KURZWEIL 1000 USERS' MEETING**

**Travertine Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Join the Kurzweil 1000 Users' Contingent, meet with Steve Baum, share some Kurzweil 1000 experiences, learn about the new features of the upcoming release, and help design future releases.

**5:30 - 6:30 pm—AGRICULTURE AND EQUESTRIAN DIVISION**

**Ruby Room, Tower Lobby**

Diane Starin, President

**6:00 - 8:00 pm—AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND  
RECEPTION**

**Peacock Terrace, Tower Lobby**

Please join Carl Augusto, President and CEO of the American Foundation for the Blind, and other staff for refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. We're looking forward to sharing information with you about AFB's activities in technology, employment, and independent living.

**6:00 - 8:00 pm—NFB-LINK**

**Peridot Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

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**6:00 - 10:00 pm—DEAF-BLIND DIVISION SEMINAR**

**Edelweiss Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Our seminar is on new technology and programs of interest.  
Robert Eschbach, President

**6:30 - 9:00 pm—SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DIVISION**

**Cardinal A Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

6:30 pm - Registration

7:00 pm – Meeting begins  
John Miller, President

**7:00 pm**—*ONE WOMAN'S TREASURE*, an original play by Jerry Whittle

**Grand Ballrooms A and B, Atrium Lobby**

Admission: \$5.00 (Second Performance at 9:00 pm)

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***One Woman's Treasure, Cont'd.***

Performed by the Louisiana Center for the Blind Players, this romantic comedy takes place over a Christmas vacation. Genie Edwards must sell her family home, and the entire family works together to get the job done. Many colorful characters come and go during their whirlwind vacation. All proceeds from the sale of tickets go to support the summer training programs for blind children at the Louisiana Center for the Blind.

**7:00 - 8:00 pm**—CALL TO ACTION: WHAT IS THE IMAGINATION FUND?

**Fleur-de-Lis B Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

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Facilitators: Kevan Worley and Betsy Zaborowski

**7:00 - 10:00 pm**—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE THE USE OF BRAILLE (NAPUB) ANNUAL MEETING

**Rosetta Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Nadine Jacobson, President

**7:00 - 10:00 pm**—"MAKING AN INFORMED DECISION"  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUIDE DOG USERS (NAGDU) SEMINAR

**Emerald Room, Tower Lobby**

Guests from many of the guide dog schools and other interesting speakers will be present. Ask questions and receive answers to help you decide the best choice for you. Priscilla Ferris, President

**7:30 - 10:00 pm**—COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION, EVALUATION,  
AND ADVANCEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY

**Chambers Lecture Hall, Atrium Lobby**

Gary Wunder, Chairperson

**8:00 - 9:00 pm**—SHARES UNLIMITED IN THE NFB (SUN)  
COMMITTEE

**Amethyst Room, Atrium Lobby**

Sandy Halverson, Chairperson

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**9:00 pm**—*ONE WOMAN'S TREASURE*, an original play by Jerry  
Whittle (Second Performance) Admission: \$5.00

**Grand Ballrooms A and B, Atrium Lobby**

<b>TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2006</b>
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**7:00 - 9:30 am**—SEEING EYE GRADUATE BREAKFAST

**Peacock Terrace, Tower Lobby**

R.S.V.P. Required—Contact David Loux at the hotel

**7:30 - 9:00 am**—PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE

**Amethyst Room, Atrium Lobby**

Thomas H. Hartig, Chairperson

**8:00 - 9:30 am**—

EXHIBITS—**Khmer Pavilion, Atrium, Third Level**

NFB A&A STORE AND NFB LITERATURE—**Grand Ballroom,  
Atrium, Lobby Level**

**8:00 - 9:30 am**—REGISTRATION (\$20); BANQUET TICKET SALES  
(\$40)

**Chantilly Foyer, Tower Lobby**

**8:30 - 9:30 am**—DEVOTIONS



## **Sapphire Room, Tower Lobby**

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### **OPENING GENERAL SESSION**

**9:30 am** INVOCATION

**9:35 am** WELCOMING CEREMONIES

**9:45 am** PROTECTING OUR FREEDOM: RECOGNIZING VETERANS  
Dwight Sayer, First Vice President, National Federation  
of the Blind of Florida; Winter Garden, Florida

### **TUESDAY, JULY 4, Continued**

Joe Ruffalo, Jr., Board Member of the National Federation  
of the Blind and President of the National Federation of  
the Blind of New Jersey; Bloomfield, New Jersey

**9:55 am** CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS

**10:25 am** ROLL CALL OF STATES AND APPOINTMENT OF  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**12:00 pm** ADJOURN

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**Noon - 2:00 pm—**  
**EXHIBITS—Khmer Pavilion, Atrium, Third Level**  
**NFB A&A STORE AND NFB LITERATURE—Grand Ballroom,**  
**Atrium, Lobby Level**

**Noon - 2:00 pm—**REGISTRATION (\$20); BANQUET TICKET SALES  
(\$40)  
**Chantilly Foyer, Tower Lobby**

**12:15 - 1:45 pm—**LOUISIANA CENTER FOR THE BLIND ALUMNI  
GATHERING

## **Peacock Terrace, Tower Lobby**

Josh Boudreaux, President

**12:15 - 1:45 pm**—NOPBC Teen Hospitality  
**Contact Brigid Doherty for room location**

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### **GENERAL SESSION**

**2:00 pm** CALL TO ORDER

**2:05 pm** PRESIDENTIAL REPORT, Marc Maurer

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**3:00 pm** EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY:  
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND JERNIGAN  
INSTITUTE REPORT  
Betsy Zaborowski, Psy.D., Executive Director, National  
Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute; Baltimore,  
Maryland

BEST PRACTICES IN EDUCATION OF THE BLIND  
Matt Maurer, Ph.D., Professor of Instructional  
Technology, Butler University; Indianapolis, Indiana

BRAILLE AND MATH STANDARDS INFLUENCED BY  
THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND  
Stuart Wittenstein, Ed.D., Superintendent,  
California School for the Blind; Fremont, California

THE POWER OF NUMBERS: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,  
ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM)

Mark Riccobono, Director of Education, National  
Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute; Baltimore,  
Maryland

SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVES FOR THE BLIND

Bernhard Beck-Winchatz, Ph.D., Associate Director,  
NASA Space Science Center for Education and Outreach

at DePaul University; Chicago, Illinois

**SCIENCE, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT: A ROLE FOR THE BLIND**

Ted Conway, Ph.D., Program Director, Research in Disabilities  
Education, Division of Human Resource Development,  
Directorate for Education and Human Resources,  
National Science Foundation; Arlington, Virginia

**4:25 pm IMAGINE THE FLAME: THE SPIRIT THAT BUILDS OUR FUTURE**

Kevan Worley, Chairperson, Imagination Fund  
Committee, National Federation of the Blind; Colorado  
Springs, Colorado

**4:45 pm REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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**5:00 pm ADJOURN**

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**5:30 - 6:15 pm—NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
**LaLique Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

**6:00 - 11:30 pm—TEXAS-STYLE BARBEQUE IN THE PARK**  
**Anatole Park** (immediately outside the west door of the hotel)  
Tickets (while they last) are \$35 per person and can be purchased  
in the registration area. Enjoy great food and boot-tapping music  
with the Cornell Hurd Band playing traditional western swing and  
country. Hosted by the NFB of Texas.

**7:00 - 8:30 pm—ACCESS-IT-YOURSELF**  
**Fleur-de-Lis B Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

This workshop will acquaint parents and educators with a host of  
up-to-date resources helpful in raising and educating blind  
children. Sponsored by NOPBC. Presenter: Eric Vasiliauskas (Dr.  
V.), M.D.

**7:00 - 9:00 pm**—CARS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

**Travertine Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Joseph B. Naulty, President

**7:00 - 9:00 pm**—MULTICULTURALISM COMMITTEE

**Rosetta Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Anil Lewis, Chairperson

**7:00 - 10:00 pm**—SECOND ANNUAL “SPECIAL EVENING FOR SPONSOR-LEVEL EXHIBITORS”

**Khmer Pavilion, Atrium I, third level**

The Khmer Pavilion will reopen for a very special evening dedicated solely to sponsor-level exhibitors listed here. Come and bring a guest to say “thank you” to our sponsors and to enjoy their interesting offers and demonstrations. Our National Convention sponsors are: Freedom Scientific; HumanWare Group; Independent Living Aids, Inc.; Guide Dogs for the Blind; Hilton Anatole; IBM; Marriott Worldwide Reservations; UPS; National Industries for the Blind; Optelec; and Sendero Group LLC.

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**8:00 - 11:00 pm**—ANNUAL SHOWCASE OF TALENT—Admission \$5.00

**Sapphire Room, Tower Lobby**

Preregistration required by noon today (contact Adrienne Snow at the hotel); Sponsored by the Performing Arts Division  
Adrienne Snow, President

**8:30 - 10:00 pm**—IEP’S FOR DUMMIES: BASICS FOR THE NOVICE

**Fleur-de-Lis B Ballroom, Atrium Mezzanine**

Are you new to the process of developing an IEP for your blind child? This NOPBC-sponsored program is for you. Instructor: Annee Hartzel

**8:30 - 10:00 pm**—IEP’S FOR VETERANS: ADVANCED STRATEGIES

**Inverness Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Do you think you’re an old pro at IEP’s? Then this NOPBC-

sponsored program is for you. Instructor: Brunhilde Merk-Adam

**8:30 - midnight—JACOBUS tenBROEK SPECIAL AUCTION  
Coral Room, Tower Lobby**

8:30 pm – Preview auction items; 9:30 pm – Auction begins  
Sponsored by the Jacobus tenBroek Memorial Fund Committee  
Tami Dodd Jones, Chairperson

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**8:00 - 8:45 am—DEVOTIONS  
Sapphire Room, Tower Lobby**

**8:00 - 9:00 am—REGISTRATION (\$20); FINAL BANQUET TICKET  
SALES (\$40)  
Chantilly Foyer, Tower Lobby**

<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, Continued</b>
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**GENERAL SESSION**

**9:00 am** INVOCATION

**9:05 am** ELECTIONS

**10:00 am** THE FEDERATION IN THE WORLD  
William Rowland, Ph.D., President of the World  
Blind Union and Executive Director of the South African  
National Council for the Blind; Pretoria, South Africa

**10:15 am** THE SECRETS OF REHABILITATION: WHY  
FEDERATION CENTERS WORK  
Julie Deden, Director, Colorado Center for the

Blind; Littleton, Colorado

Shawn Mayo, Director, Blindness: Learning In New Dimensions (BLIND), Incorporated; Minneapolis, Minnesota

Pam Allen, Director, Louisiana Center for the Blind; Ruston, Louisiana

**10:55 am** SAVE THE FIRE  
Fredric K. Schroeder, Ph.D., Research Professor,  
San Diego State University; Vienna, Virginia

**11:10 am** PARTNERSHIPS  
Bob Phillips, President and Chief Executive Officer,  
Guide Dogs for the Blind; San Rafael, California

**11:30 am** DEVELOPMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY FOR THE BLIND  
Lee Hamilton, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive  
Officer, Freedom Scientific; St. Petersburg, Florida

**11:50 am** QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

**11:55 am** REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

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**12:00 pm** ADJOURN

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**Noon - 5:00 pm—**  
**EXHIBITS—Khmer Pavilion, Atrium I, third level**  
NFB A&A STORE AND LITERATURE CLOSED

**Noon - 5:00 pm—CAR SHOW**  
**Held in parking area outside of the hotel**  
The Classics, Antiques, and Rods (CARS) Division presents a car  
show featuring a number of special interest cars and vehicles—

something for everyone. Joseph B. Naulty, President

**1:00 - 2:30 pm**—THE KURZWEIL-NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND READER—THE REVOLUTION IS HERE!

**Cardinal A Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Take pictures and read print—it's really that simple. Come and learn about this fabulous new technology combining a state-of-the-art digital camera with a powerful personal data assistant. The reader puts the best available character recognition software together with text-to-speech conversion technology, all in the palm of your hand.

**1:00 - 3:00 pm**—"SOCIAL SECURITY AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME: WHAT APPLICANTS, ADVOCATES, AND RECIPIENTS SHOULD KNOW" SEMINAR

**Steuben Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Seminar presenters: Jim McCarthy, NFB Director of Governmental Affairs,  
and his wife Terri Uttermohlen, Training and Technical Assistance Liaison, Virginia Commonwealth University. Get information on Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits for the blind. Conducted by the NFB with the assistance of the Social Security Administration.

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**1:00 - 4:00 pm**—CHANGING WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A TEACHER OF THE BLIND AND VISION IMPAIRED: ORGANIZING FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION

**Fleur-de-Lis A & B Rooms, Atrium Mezzanine**

Come to this work-group meeting and help develop an action plan that will address issues, such as understaffing and heavy caseloads, currently affecting those educating blind and low-vision students.

Facilitators: Heather Field and Annee Hartzel

**1:00 - 4:00 pm—HUMANWARE BRAILLENOTE USERS WORKSHOP**  
**Peridot Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Offering a demonstration of features in the upcoming release of Keysoft, a new stand-alone BrailleNote software, and dialog with HumanWare staff and other BrailleNote users.

**1:00 - 4:00 pm—SONAR TRAVELER CANE DEMONSTRATION**  
**Wedgwood Foyer, Tower Lobby**

Using sonar technology, this exciting new cane will detect a low-hanging

object (even as minute as a string), the distance to an approaching object, a vacant seat at an event, and much more.

Come and put this prototype sonar cane to the test. We think you will be pleasantly surprised!

Developed by Ryan McGirr, NFB staff member, and Harold Carey

**1:30 - 3:00 pm—CHARITABLE ESTATE PLANNING AND GIFT STRATEGIES**

**LaLique Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Estate planning—it's more exciting than you think. It *has* to be.

Coordinator: Thomas H. Hartig

**1:45 - 6:15 pm—NOPBC Teen Hospitality**  
**Contact Brigid Doherty for room location**

**2:00 - 4:00 pm—MENTORING—IT'S MORE THAN JUST A WORD**  
**Edelweiss Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Have you changed a life today? Do you want to be a mentor but don't know how? Come and discover how you can make a difference.

Moderator: Amy Phelps, NFB Jernigan Institute

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**2:00 - 4:00 pm—WRITE THAT WINNING GRANT PROPOSAL: HOW TO DEVELOP PROJECTS FOR FUNDING**

**Governors Lecture Hall, Tower Lobby**

Foundations and corporations now demand well-developed



projects—planned and administered with a focus on results. Learn how to organize activities that are attractive to funding sources and to think about affiliate/chapter activities in the form of fundable projects. Presenters: Joanne Wilson and Betsy Zaborowski, NFB Jernigan Institute

**2:00 - 5:00 pm—CANE TALK WITH JOE CUTTER**

**Batik A Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Informal, drop by anytime discussions with Joe Cutter and other mobility instructors.

**3:00 - 4:30 pm—THE KURZWEIL-NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND READER—THE REVOLUTION IS HERE!**

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**3:00 - 4:30 pm—MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: A FAMILY-CENTERED APPROACH**

**Batik B Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

A family workshop; children must be accompanied by an adult (introductory CPR for teens is at 5:00 pm). Sponsored by NOPBC. Instructor: Maria Garcia, paramedic, and volunteers from local emergency preparedness organizations.

**3:30 - 5:00 pm—MEET THE BLIND MONTH ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS SEMINAR: PLANS AND ACTION EQUAL SUCCESS**

**LaLique Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

October is "Meet the Blind Month." Find out about entertaining and fun events that can occur so that sighted people can meet their blind neighbors. Session includes encouraging chapters to try new types of

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**Meet the Blind Month, Cont'd.**

fundraising and meet-and-greet events. Conducted by Jerry Lazarus, NFB Director of Special Projects

**5:00 - 6:30 pm—TEENS CAN DO CPR****Batik B Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

An introductory course especially for teens. Sponsored by NOPBC. Instructor: Maria Garcia, paramedic, and volunteers from local emergency preparedness organizations.

**6:00 - 9:00 pm—AN EVENING WITH THE COLORADO CENTER FOR THE BLIND****Coral Room, Tower Lobby**

Create a piece of art, try a Braille puzzle, practice food preparation, and use a long white cane with our travel instructors. The staff and students at the Colorado Center for the Blind invite you to discover what good training can do for you. Julie Deden, Director

**6:00 -10:00 pm—DEAF-BLIND DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING****Edelweiss Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

6:00 pm - Registration

7:00 pm - Meeting begins

Robert Eschbach, President

**7:00 - 8:30 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND MERCHANTS SIXTH ANNUAL RANDOLPH-SHEPPARD RECEPTION****Peacock Terrace, Tower Lobby**

Socialize, network, and learn more about Randolph-Sheppard opportunities.

Kevan Worley, President

**7:00 - 10:00 pm—ADVOCACY SKILLS TRAINING SEMINAR****Governors Lecture Hall, Tower Lobby**

Learn how to offer public presentations, develop negotiation and mediation techniques, sharpen interviewing and listening skills, document transactions, and more. Currently active or aspiring organizational advocates who want to polish or improve their advocacy skills are urged to attend. Coordinator: Dan Frye

## **WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, Continued**

**8:00 - 10:00 pm**—COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

**Cardinal B Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

Brian Buhrow, Chairperson

**8:00 pm - midnight**—MONTE CARLO NIGHT

**Metropolitan Ballroom, Tower Mezzanine**

Sponsored by the National Association of Blind Students

## **THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2006**

**8:00 - 8:45 am**—DEVOTIONS

**Sapphire Room, Tower Lobby**

**8:00 - 8:45 am**—REGISTRATION (\$20)

**Chantilly Foyer, Tower Lobby**

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### **GENERAL SESSION**

**9:00 am** INVOCATION

**9:05 am** BLIND AND A CARPENTER? WE'RE HERE TO TELL YOU!

George Wurtzel, Owner, Carpenter Business;  
Lansing, Michigan

**9:20 am** THE DIGITAL WORLD: BROKEN-FIELD RUNNING WITH A TOUCHDOWN IN SIGHT

Frank Kurt Cylke, Director, National Library Service  
for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of  
Congress; Washington, D.C.

Alice Baker, Digital Program Contract Specialist,  
National Library Service for the Blind and Physically

Handicapped, Library of Congress; Washington, D.C.

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**9:40 am** QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

**9:45 am** COMMITMENT TO BRAILLE

Richard Mander, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer,  
HumanWare, Ltd.; Christchurch, New Zealand

**10:05 am** QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

**10:10 am** CHANGE IN REHABILITATION: FEDERATION  
EXPERIENCE LEADS THE WAY

Craig Kiser, J.D., Director, Florida Division of Blind  
Services; Tallahassee, Florida

Joe D. Cordova, Administrator, Hawaii Vocational  
Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division,  
Department of Human Services; Kapolei, Hawaii

**10:40 am** BREAKING NEWS WITH NFB-NEWSLINE®: THE  
WORLD'S MOST UP-TO-THE-MINUTE NEWS SERVICE FOR  
THE BLIND

John G. Paré, Jr., Director of Sponsored Technology  
Programs, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore,  
Maryland

John Lumpkin, Vice President, Business Operations, U.S.  
Newspaper Markets, Associated Press; Dallas, Texas

**11:05 am** THE AUTOMATED HOME

Tim Shriver, President and Chief Executive Officer,  
Home Automated Living, Inc.; Laurel, Maryland

**11:25 am** EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE  
BLIND: THE PROMISE AND THE PARTNERSHIP

Cari M. Dominguez, Chair, U.S. Equal Employment  
Opportunity Commission; Washington, D.C.

**11:45 am**      REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

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**12:00 pm**      ADJOURN

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**Noon - 1:45 pm—**NFB HAM RADIO GROUP ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

**Inverness Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

D. Curtis Willoughby (KA0VBA), Chairperson

**Noon - 1:45 pm—**RAFFLES AND DRAWINGS

**Emerald Room, Tower Lobby**

**Noon - 2:00 pm—**

EXHIBITS—**Khmer Pavilion, Atrium, Third Level**

NFB A&A STORE AND NFB LITERATURE—**Grand Ballroom, Atrium, Lobby Level**

**Noon - 2:00 pm—**REGISTRATION (\$20)

**Chantilly Foyer, Tower Lobby**

**12:15 - 1:45 pm—**NOPBC Teen Hospitality

**Contact Brigid Doherty for room location**

**12:15 - 2:00 pm—**EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NLS

**Cardinal B Room, Atrium Mezzanine**

A question-and-answer session with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress  
Frank Kurt Cylke, Director

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**GENERAL SESSION**

**2:00 pm** CALL TO ORDER

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**2:05 pm** CLIENT TO CONSUMER TO LAWYER

Anil Lewis, Board Member of the National Federation of the Blind and President of the National Federation of the Blind of Georgia; Atlanta, Georgia

**2:20 pm** *THREE WISHES: THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND DEPICTED ON TELEVISION*

Nicole Rasmussen, Blind Mother; Cedar City, Utah

Ron Gardner, J.D., President, National Federation of the Blind of Utah; Bountiful, Utah

Nick Schmittroth, NOMC, Travel Instructor; Salt Lake City, Utah

Karl Smith, President, Axis Technology; Salt Lake City, Utah

**3:00 pm** PIONEERS OF A NEW TECHNOLOGY: KURZWEIL NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND READER

James Gashel, Executive Director for Strategic Initiatives, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

**3:15 pm** WORKING WITH THE ORGANIZED BLIND TO CREATE THE ACCESSIBILITY TECHNOLOGY OF THE FUTURE

Ray Kurzweil, President and Chief Executive Officer, K-NFB Reading Technology, Inc.; Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts

**3:35 pm** SPECULATIVE IMAGININGS

**3:40 pm** LIONS BLINDNESS AND LOW VISION EDUCATION

PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL  
FEDERATION OF THE BLIND JERNIGAN INSTITUTE

Presented by the International Association of Lions  
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the Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute, the Department  
of Health Policy and Management and the Department  
of Health Behavior and Society in the Johns Hopkins  
Bloomberg School of Public Health

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**4:00 pm** LOW VISION AND BLINDNESS: CHANGING PERSPECTIVES  
AND INCREASING SUCCESS

Robert Massof, Ph.D., Professor of Ophthalmology  
and Neuroscience and Director of the Lions Vision  
Research and Rehabilitation Center, The Wilmer Eye  
Institute, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine;  
Baltimore, Maryland

**4:10 pm** THE SERVICE MISSION OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Clement F. Kusiak, Past International President,  
Lions Clubs International; Oak Brook, Illinois

**4:25 pm** WHAT A PARENT HAS LEARNED FROM HIS BLIND SON

John Wai, Ph.D., Director of Medicinal Chemistry,  
Merck & Co., Inc.; Harleysville, Pennsylvania

**4:45 pm** REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

**5:00 pm** ADJOURN

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**7:00 pm—BANQUET**

**Chantilly Ballroom, Tower lobby**

INVOCATION

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Fredric K. Schroeder

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

BANQUET ADDRESS: Marc Maurer

**10:00 pm - midnight—AFTER-BANQUET PARTY**  
**Peacock Terrace, Tower Lobby**

**10:00 - 11:00 pm—SCIENCE FICTION MEETING**  
All persons interested in science fiction and fantasy are welcome to join in an open discussion. Please contact Ed Meskys (in the New Hampshire delegation) for room location.

<b>FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2006</b>
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**8:00 - 8:45 am—DEVOTIONS**  
**Sapphire Room, Tower Lobby**

**8:00 - 8:45 am—REGISTRATION (\$20)**  
**Chantilly Foyer, Tower Lobby**

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**GENERAL SESSION**

**9:00 am**            INVOCATION

**9:05 am**            GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION:  
FINANCING THE MOVEMENT, WASHINGTON  
REPORT, OTHER REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, AND  
OTHER BUSINESS

**12:00 pm**            ADJOURN

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**Noon - 2:00 pm—**  
**EXHIBITS—Khmer Pavilion, Atrium, Third Level**  
**NFB A&A STORE AND NFB LITERATURE—Grand Ballroom,**  
**Atrium, Lobby Level**

**Noon - 2:00 pm—NFB CAMP TOY SALE**



**Manchester Room, Tower Mezzanine**

Everything must go—30 to 70 percent off all toys purchased for NFB Camp.

**Noon - 2:00 pm**—REGISTRATION (\$20)

**Chantilly Foyer, Tower Lobby**

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**GENERAL SESSION**

<b>2:00 pm</b>	CALL TO ORDER
<b>2:05 pm</b>	GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION: REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER BUSINESS
<b>5:00 pm</b>	ADJOURN

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